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SAYS BRITAIN WILL NOT PAY CANADIAN PRICES

CHEESE AND BACON STATES GARDINER INTEREST BRITISH

**Sending Cheese Delegation
Here In April Says Minister
On Return**

MUM ON WHEAT

**British Maintain Obligation
Taken Care of — "Up to"
Ottawa Now**

OTTAWA, Ont.—Back in Ottawa, Mr. Gardiner is mum on wheat pending meeting with the Cabinet. He says the British are interested in Canadian bacon and cheese, but unwilling to pay our prices. A cheese delegation is to visit Canada in April. Talks in Britain were "friendly and useful."

By M. McDougall, Press Gallery
Leader Correspondent

OTTAWA, Feb. 27 — From the tenor of Mr. Gardiner's word to newsmen while in London, which will probably be further elucidated during the week after his return, the barrier of prices now ruling in the Western hemisphere rules out pretty definitely any possibility of any food deals with Britain for some time to come. It needed simply the statement of prices received on this side of the Atlantic to show that discussions would be futile. This applies to bacon, cheese and eggs as well as beef, but in relation to beef the sale of this product across the ocean has not been a practical issue for some time.

Contend Agreement Fulfilled

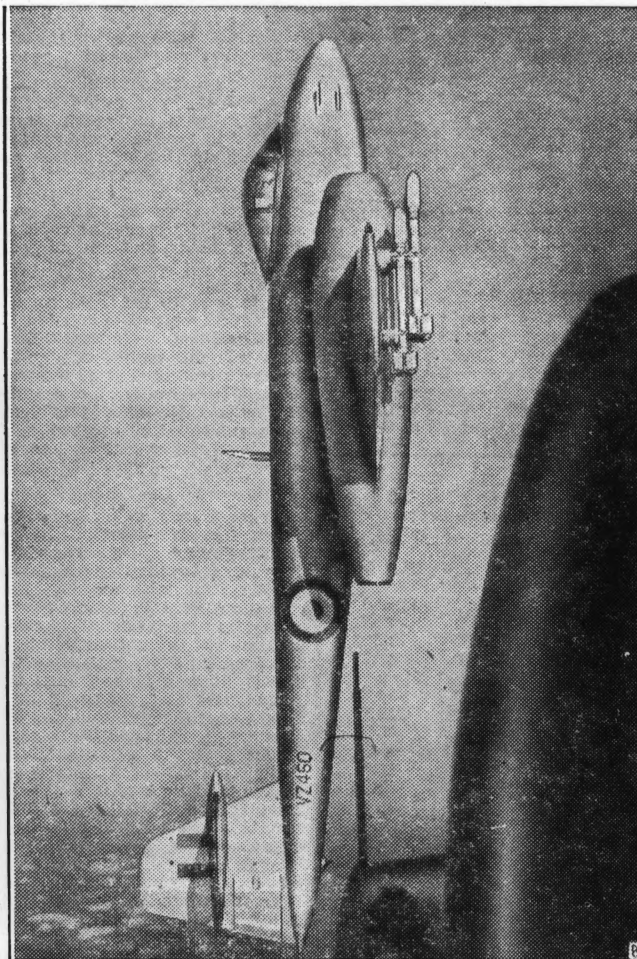
Mr. Gardiner, according to the reports, also stated that no advance was made on any final settlement of the Anglo-Canadian wheat agreement of 1946-50, the British apparently holding the same position as they did last summer. "They said they didn't feel under any obligation to make an additional payment," Mr. Gardiner said. (It is recalled that their contention mentioned earlier was that the "have regard to" clause in the agreement was taken care of in the \$2.00 a bushel price paid for the last two years of the agreement).

Feeling of Grievance Natural

It is now to be seen what steps, if any, the Canadian Government may take to reimburse the farmer. Quite apart from the merits of the contract which aimed at assuring a definite market for Canadian wheat for the future, there is little doubt that the rise in price of wheat during the first two years of the contract did entail losses to the farmer. The future trend of the markets could not be foreseen, but they did rise quite substantially and it is perfectly natural that the farmers should have felt aggrieved. The question at issue between the governments has been whether the price of \$2.00 for the last two years covered adequately the clause in the 1946 contract which provided for compensation

Alberta Poultry Producers Increase Earnings

Meteor Stands on Its Tail



This picture is not the wrong way up: the camera stopped the airplane, a British jet Gloster Meteor, in the dead upright position when it was making a loop. The silhouette in the right foreground is part of another Meteor (also looping) from which the photograph was taken. Britain has adopted the Meteors as the standard fighters of its Royal Air Force and has also supplied them to other European countries banded together against danger of aggression.

for the increase in market price in the first two years when the contract price was \$1.55. There is a pretty definite difference of opinion on that. That is a major reason, of course, why Mr. Gardiner and Mr. Wesson of the Saskatchewan pool visited Britain.

While the farmers would not have been human if they did not feel annoyed at having received less than the market price for their wheat as the prices rose, they have a broader economic vision than many other economic groups because they sell to world markets. The wheat agreement was a separate contract, but the annoyance of the farmer may conceivably be

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NEED FOR ORDERLY MARKETING PLAN GIVEN EMPHASIS

**Year's Operations of Large Co-
operative Reviewed by
President, Manager**

KAPLER AGAIN HEAD

**Thanks Expressed to Ober-
holtzer, Who Has Acted as
Chairman of Marketers**

Declaration by President K. V. Kapler in behalf of the Board of Directors, that the Federal price support plan brought a measure of stability but that the price had been set below the cost of production, clearly expressed the judgment of delegates to the Annual Meeting of Alberta Poultry Producers held in Edmonton last week. J. K. Sutherland of Hanna proved a most efficient chairman of the meeting.

Comprehensive Outlines

In the Board's report and in that of the General Manager, J. I. Wright, the year's operations were comprehensively outlined. While substantially decreased marketings of both poultry and eggs were reflected in lower volume of handlings in all departments in 1950, the Directors were gratified to be able to report that earnings as evidenced by final payment allocations actually exceeded the previous year.

"This showing," the Board report indicated, "in the face of reduced deliveries is, in our opinion, concrete evidence of increased efficiency in operations and improved marketing policies, and should give our membership renewed confidence that their organization is well able to cope with conditions which will exist under the return to more 'normal' marketing conditions that will continue barring unforeseen developments."

Unless some system of orderly marketing is instituted, declared J. I. Wright, General Manager, in his report, wide fluctuation in egg prices will continue — costly alike to producer and consumer. It was apparent, said Mr. Wright, that the Dominion Government only intends the present program to serve as a "stop-loss" measure, rather than as a scheme designed to bring parity prices to egg producers.

The year 1950 had brought the poultry industry a new set of conditions — a market without the support of a British contract. However, Canadian consumption of eggs had increased beyond all expectations, said Mr. Wright; and the new lower floor price had had the effect of reducing production, so that not only was there no surplus of

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Plan Development by Co-operation

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad. — Sponsored jointly by the FAO and the Caribbean commission, forty specialists in co-operatives met recently here. They were representatives of Britain, the U.S., France, the Netherlands, and several Caribbean countries, and made plans designed to raise living standards in the area through development of co-operatives.



Central Alberta Dairy Pool Section

SLOGAN FOR TODAY: "Test and Weigh and Keep the Cows That Pay"



The Dairyman and Soil Conservation

By G. De LONG, Superintendent Lacombe Experimental Station

THE Garden of Eden is now a desert. Lands where there were once great civilizations are likewise drifting deserts.

This has occurred in China, India, Australia, Africa and the Mediterranean countries and in North America. It can happen here in Alberta.

The world is never more than a year from starvation. Millions of people are undernourished. The world's population is increasing rapidly, thus indicating the increasing demand for food stuffs and the basis for the old saying that "The man who can make two blades of grass grow where but one grew before shall be greater than he who taketh great cities."

The opinion was quite prevalent in the early part of this century that the world was only twenty years from starvation. Science was applied to agricultural production and, instead of famine, we were faced with unsaleable surpluses.

The urgent need for food, and particularly wheat, during and imme-

diately following the first world war resulted in an unbalanced type of farming being practised in Western Canada. Soil organic matter was destroyed; wind and water erosion became evident, and assumed such proportions that drastic measures to control it were necessary in the thirties.

The problem of soil conservation is to find some means of cultivating the soil and at the same time conserving it.

Rapid Strides in Past Half Century

Science has made rapid strides in the improvement of agriculture during the last half century. Former methods of tillage are obsolete and once popular varieties of field crops have given place to new and improved sorts. Both yields and total production have in-

creased tremendously.

That portion of Alberta which lies east of the Rockies is one of the best agricultural areas in Canada. Yields of farm crops are high, but are becoming less with each successive crop because much of the land is being mined by continuous grain growing and soil conservation is urgently needed.

The changing picture is not all good. Our soil is being mined by get rich quick farming measures; its fibre is being destroyed and its fertility is being depleted. The wind is carrying tons of soil through the air; and every rain washes tons of our best soil down the ditches, creeks, and rivers to the sea. Weeds are making rapid inroads into our fields, and too many farmers are growing weeds instead of cash crops.

It is hard to get accurate data on the extent of soil erosion in Canada but it has been estimated that ten per cent of our cultivated land is so severely eroded that it should be removed from cultivation and kept in hay or pasture. All of this could have been prevented by adopting and using the knowledge science has already given us.

Things Within Farmers' Control

There is too wide a gap between knowledge and practice. It has been said that if every farmer in the Prairie Provinces used commercial fertilizer they would have received an additional \$40,000,000; that weed control would have increased yields five to ten bushels per acre; that cultural practices which would conserve an additional inch of moisture in the soil would increase the yield an additional four to eight bushels per acre; that the control of insects and plant diseases would increase farmers' returns by millions; that the carrying capacity of wild pasture and rangeland can be increased fourfold by breaking the land and seeding with cultivated grasses and legumes; and that there is too little meat going to market on too many legs. All of these things have to do with conservation and are within the farmers' own control.

Crop rotation and good farming practices are the answer to soil conservation problems.

Three rotations were started at the Dominion Experimental Station at Lacombe in 1911 and have been in operation for the past thirty-eight years. During that period, wheat grown on the summerfallow of a rotation of fallow, wheat and wheat gave an average yield of 24.1 bushels per acre, while in diversified rotations wheat following potatoes yielded 36.5, and following corn yielded 34.7 bushels; while wheat on fallow in a diversified rotation yielded 33.3 bushels as compared with 24.1 in the grain growing rotation.

Answer to Conservation

These improved yields are directly attributed to the beneficial effects of the inclusion of forage crops such as grasses, legumes and intertilled crops in the rotation and an application of barnyard manure every few years.

One of the most interesting things is that in the case of one rotation, the land has not been summerfallowed during the thirty-eight years the rota-

tion has been operative, and this same rotation is freer from weeds than any of the others and gives the highest yields of any land on the Station; furthermore, soil analysis has shown that the soil is more fertile than when it was first brushed and broken.

Cause of Much Erosion

The writer believes that the summerfallow is the cause of much of the soil erosion that occurs; that the summerfallow is used much more than necessary in crop production; that much of the erosion which occurs on summerfallow could be eliminated by proper tillage practices; and that the production of summerfallow substitute crops, the use of early maturing cereal varieties coupled with delayed seeding and shallow autumn and early spring tillage could be used to advantage in reducing the acreage devoted to fallow.

The whole destiny of man is tied up in the top six inches of the soil. It has been said that all sources of life on this planet is in the top six inches of the earth's crust. If we lose the top six inches of the soil, we have lost our livelihood.

Our Heritage and Trust

The soil is our heritage and should be handed down unharmed from father to son.

A great trust and responsibility rests with those who cultivate the soil and produce the food for mankind.

The agriculture of Canada, and the foothills country in particular, is still in its infancy. Therefore let the real farmer profit by the mistakes of others and introduce grasses and legumes in a crop rotation and adopt a diversified farming program and really farm. Finally, let us all fulfill our trust and responsibility and prevent mother earth from being destroyed as has happened with many of the older civilizations of the world:

(Reprinted, because of its importance, from the issue of April 1st, 1949.)

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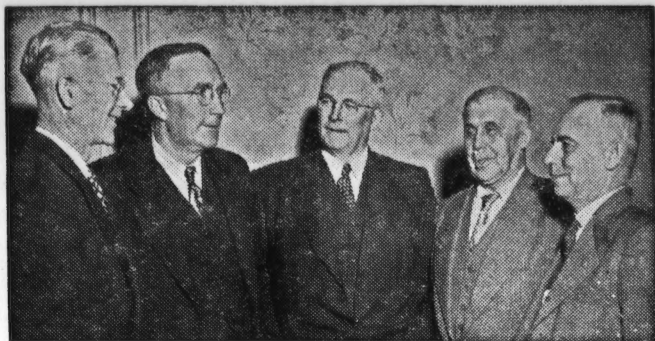
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CENTRAL ALBERTA DAIRY POOL

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Dairy Farmers of Canada, Publicity Management Committee



Elected at the annual meeting in Winnipeg last month were the members of the Dairy Farmers of Canada Publicity Management Committee, as follows: Left to right: J. Frank Way, Ingersoll, Ont.; W. B. Rettie, Fergus, Ont.; Erle Kitchen, Secretary-Manager, Toronto, Ont.; Gilbert McMillan, President, Huntingdon, Que.; and J. E. Lussier, Montreal, Que., alternate for Dr. H. C. Bois, Montreal, Que.

The C.A.D.P. Junior Club Newsletter

The history of Junior Clubs in Alberta is much too long to be told at one telling, but I would like to take time to tell you a little of the activities of these club members.

One of the important parts of their effort is community work, and you will realize this is a reaching out beyond themselves, learning to think of others, learning to think of the community as a whole.

In Our Own District

Speaking from experience within my own district, here are a few of the contributions which have been made to communities since 1948. One club contributed \$50 to a woman who had spent her life nursing an invalid mother and who when her mother passed on, had very little means of support. Another club undertook to pay for improvements to the community hall in their district. Several groups have purchased cups and saucers for use in the community hall. Another club purchased, planted and cared for some ornamental trees to help beautify their school grounds. Financial help to unfortunate people in the district has been given by several of my clubs.

One club has adopted two orphans in a home, and the adoption means that they have undertaken to make clothing for these children. They are busy doing just that right now. There are many other contributions made by these club members, contributions of time and effort which, like most community work, often go unnoticed.

Now at this point I can imagine someone asking, "But where do they get the money to do these things?" Well, it is raised in a variety of ways — some new; some old. Dances, teas, catering for lunches at various community affairs, bingo and bridge parties are the most popular.

One of New Ideas

One of the new ideas tried out this year by one club was that of using things they had learned to grow and make in their club work as a source of revenue. These girls took the herbs which they had grown in their gardens last summer and later dried. They

packed them into neatly labelled bottles, packaged them together with a sheet of instructions on how to use the different herbs. Then they made cosmetics which they had learned to make in their project work — boxed them attractively and sold both herbs and cosmetics at a Bingo Party which they held in November. As their products were all Christmas gift packed, it didn't take long to sell them.

Certainly these members have learned the important lesson of "making the most of what you have." They had herbs, know how, and initiative — and the three combined raised them a tidy little sum for their club funds. They do a double job, too, as a rule in the raising of the funds. Because they work to raise them they usually make a contribution to the social life of the community. Then when the funds are raised, they use them to do something for the community. It is only right that this should be so, because the community must support their fund raising efforts in the first place, if they are to be at all successful.

Nothing will hurt a club as much as lack of community support. Most of the clubs need a bit of extra help to get started, but once they know their community is behind them, most of them return with interest, the support given them at the beginning.

None of Us Self-Sufficient

Work of this kind for their community develops our boys and girls into young men and women of whom we can be justly proud. They are the citizens of tomorrow — and no man or woman is a good citizen till he or she has learned that we are none of us self-sufficient.

We cannot withdraw into ourselves, live our own lives, paying no attention to what goes on around us.

Learning to be a good citizen in your own community is the first step towards that all important job of being a good citizen of this country of ours and finally a good citizen of the world. Junior Club membership is a big step in this direction.

(Miss) H. MARGARET SMITH,
District Home Economist.

Spraying of Red Clover
Increased Yield

OTTAWA, Ont.—Experiments conducted by the Forage Plants Division of the Department of Agriculture show that spraying red clover crops with DDT and toxaphene, to control such insects as clover head caterpillar, clover leafhopper and grasshoppers, increased the seed yield. DDT was applied in the pre-bloom stage, followed by toxaphene when the plants were in full bloom. Neither spray proved harmful to honeybees.

Sow Only Treated Seed
Grain, Strongly Urged

The importance of using disinfected seed is even greater than usual this year, state officials of the Federal Department of Agriculture.

The frosts of last season and the unfavorable harvest weather resulted in a large proportion of damp grain throughout the West, and it is known that the vitality of much of the seed stock this year will be lowered. The need for protection of seed against disease is therefore underlined this season. Disease, it is pointed out, may hinder germination and will very definitely lessen the chances of the young seedling emerging from the ground. Only treated seed should be planted in the spring of 1951.

Four Useful Publications

New publications of the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa include: "Farm Trailers, Wagons and Racks" (No. 830); "Equipment for Harvesting Hay and Silage" (No. 826); "Irrigating the Prairie Home Garden" (No. 851); and "Tests for Milk, Cream, Butter, Cheese, Ice Cream and Dairy By-Products" (No. 611). All four are illustrated, the first-named including diagrams and specifications.

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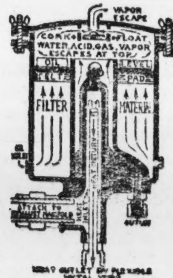
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A WEAPON AGAINST INFLATION

During the last war, the Government enacted the Unemployment Insurance Act with a double purpose. The compulsory contributions made under the terms of the act by employed persons served to drain off some of the surplus money which the war boom had put in circulation; and thus to check inflationary tendencies. At the same time, these contributions steadily built up a fund for use in later years, when the need might arise.

Today the rearmament program is creating new and dangerous inflationary pressures. We suggest that the excellent precedent set in the last war in one field of insurance could now be applied, with powerful anti-inflationary effect, in others.

First in line, of course, is the proposed contributory old age pension scheme which has already met with favor. We hope we can take it for granted that satisfactory legislation will be introduced and enacted.

The other field in which action is long overdue is that of health and hospital insurance on a national scale. Why should not a substantial beginning be made in building up a fund financed, in part, by compulsory contributions from every citizen? We know of no good reason for further delay.

It is true that there are formidable problems of organization to be solved; that we need more doctors and nurses and more trained personnel of various kinds. What we are suggesting is that a very considerable part of the money which our Canadian government proposes to take from us in one form or another (chiefly through taxation) as a means of holding the line against run-away inflation, be allocated to a health insurance fund from which it will be possible to finance future developments. Let us have a fully fledged scheme at once, of course, if that be possible; but if it is not, let us make a beginning. Let the fund be established.

The government is going to take from us "all the traffic will bear" or all the taxpayers will yield, in any event; to hold down the price level.

The Unemployment Insurance scheme introduced during the last war was of course one form of "compulsory saving". Any new levies which might be made upon the citizen for the establishment of new social services, will also be compulsory savings — and their immediate effect upon the national economy will be comparable to that of taxation.

A national health insurance plan, however, would be superior to the Unemployment Insurance undertaking in certain respects. It would involve levies against all citizens rather than a special class, and its benefits also would be reaped by all citizens. It would in the long run tend to "iron out" the existing inequalities in respect to medical and hospital services which exist as between rural and urban Canada. In due course it would ensure a fairer deal for the farming areas.

PRAIRIE MOTHER

*Here, from my kitchen window, I can see
My sons about their labors on the land.
Rugged they are, and strong, of bondage free
To give their all to tasks that lie at hand.
Time may bring change, but now for years of grace
My heart is thankful, and I humbly pray
That from these fertile fields, their chosen place,
No tragic need shall call my sons away.*

*But countless mothers in night watches weep
Sons gone, perhaps forever, past their ken,
While through their troubled days the thought must
creep*

*Of boys returning as embittered men.
Never until the guns of war are stilled
Shall motherhood be honored and fulfilled.*

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON

IS BRITAIN "DRAGGING ITS FEET"

From The Nation, New York

In his address to Congress on February 1, General Eisenhower spoke of the difficulty, indeed the impossibility of making fair comparisons between the defense efforts of different countries in terms either of the size of armed forces or of the proportion of national income devoted to military purposes.

A 10 per cent cut in America's standard of living resulting from the transfer of productive facilities from the civilian to the military sector would be unpleasant and would mean little real hardship. But a much lesser cut in say, Italy's consumption would drive millions below the subsistence level.

This unreality of crude comparison must be kept in mind in assessing Britain's rearmament program, which, in broad outline, was revealed last week by Prime Minister Attlee. Accusations that Britain is "dragging its feet," that it is reluctant to make sacrifices for the common defense, are constantly being made by sections of the American press.

Yet the fact is that up to the end of 1950, at least, Britain had a larger proportion of its man-power under arms and was spending a higher percentage of its national income on defense than the United States.

In the course of this year, if Congress indorses the military man-power and expenditure goals of the Administration, this position will be reversed. But Britain is also raising its sights, and if one takes into account its inferior resources, its effort will be quite equal to our own.

WIDELY DIFFERING PICTURES

In our last issue we quoted Wilfrid Eggleston to the effect that the versions of events in Asia appearing in the British papers and periodicals, such as the Times and Manchester Guardian, and those appearing in Life and Time and Newsweek and in AP and UP despatches "often cannot be reconciled."

An outstanding British expert on Asia, Victor Purcell, in a letter written to the editor of the New Republic of New York, is still more emphatic in stressing the differences. Mr. Purcell, an opponent of Communism, lived in Canton in 1921-24 under the Sun Yat-sen regime; accompanied Chiang Kai-shek's ministers in their retreat from the Japanese in 1937. In war-time he served in General MacArthur's headquarters and later in the British War Office; then as a colonel on the staff of Lord Mountbatten. He has other Asian experience, and he now lectures in Far Eastern History at Cambridge University.

This is the opening paragraph of Mr. Purcell's letter, published under the title "The U. S. Blocks Peace" in the New Republic of February 5th:

"It is not the news from Asia which dismays me and many who feel as I do (what is happening there seems merely to be in the logical consequence of things), but the news from America. Scarcely a note of what sounds like sanity reaches us from the States except in the columns of your paper and one or two others which I hear of but which I only occasionally see."

Cut Living Standards, Urges Economist

"EVEN higher taxes than during the last war", were prescribed by Dr. E. C. Hope, Economist of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, as one desirable means of checking the present dangerous inflationary tendencies, due to the heavy expenditures on defence.

Risk "Violent Inflation"

"There is no possibility of increasing our standard of living or even maintaining it during the immediate period that lies ahead (provided Canada has the foresight to make a real effort in the coming struggle for survival) . . . We cannot rearm as we should and maintain 'business as usual'. If we try to do so under normal peacetime monetary and fiscal procedure we shall have further violent inflation.

"The only sound way to prevent further inflation under these circumstances is to be prepared to reduce our standard of living by a 'pay-as-you-go' policy. The amount of purchasing power left in our hands for spending must be in line with the reduction in our consumer goods. The amount of money the Government needs for rearmament must come from us and the businesses of Canada in relatively high taxes and loans from us.

"And if I might be so bold, I would suggest that in the long run it would be better for the people of Canada if the Government does not do what it had to in the last war — namely, borrow \$2 billion from the Bank of Canada — but take the additional sum necessary from us through even higher taxes than during the last war.

"But even this policy is only a partial 'pay-as-you-go' policy. The loans from 'us to us' (the government) will reduce current purchasing power and thereby prevent FURTHER inflation during the emergency. After the emergency is over, these loans have to be paid back. They can only be paid back by post-emergency taxes — not by further loans from the public. The rate at which we pay back these loans through taxation and not through further borrowing will be a dominant factor in whether or not our dollar loses still more in the coming years.

"This paramount problem of the future value of the dollar is of the utmost importance to all people who hold bonds today, who may sell their farms very soon, who are retired now, or soon will retire, and above all those who are going to be persuaded through patriotic appeal to buy government bonds in the immediate future."

Dr. Hope said, in view of the unwillingness of political parties to deal with the subject boldly, "there is only one way in which it (the fight against inflation) can be won, and that is by an informed people who when they are told the facts will face the real problem with courage and tell Parliament what is needed to safeguard our dol-

lar. Only then will Parliament show enough 'leadership' to win the battle of the dollar."

Highest Inflationary Level

Dr. Hope pointed out that "we are now at the most inflationary level in the history of North America," as "in November, 1950, the wholesale price index in Canada was 6 per cent higher than in May, 1920, the previous all-time high. The cost-of-living index in December, 1950, was 13 per cent higher than in July, 1920, the previous all-time high for this index. Similar conditions exist in the United States."

While the C.F.A. economist stressed most heavily the view that all Canadians at this time should insist on the adoption of national policies designed to check further inflation, his paper, entitled "Review of Economic Conditions and the Farmers' Position", covered a wide field, and dealt in an illuminating way, with the aid of valuable charts, with the relationships between the purchasing power of the farmers' dollar and that of non-agricultural workers, over a period of years. In a brief summary, Dr. Hope outlined the following points:

Decline in Value of Dollar

1. The value of the dollar since 1942 has declined about one third if spent for living costs, and about 50 per cent if spent for production materials. The decline was rapid from 1946 to 1948, slow from 1948 to January 1950, and fairly rapid again in the past 12 months.

2. A dominant factor in the fall of the value of the dollar since 1942, was the reluctance of the Canadian people to accept sound fiscal and monetary policies in the post-war period which would have prevented such a sharp fall in the value of the dollar.

3. North America is again starting to rearm and stockpile essential materials—under conditions of full employment at a price level more than twice as high as in 1939.

4. Since 1942 the trend of the per capita purchasing power of wages and salaries for non-agricultural workers has increased about 1.5 per cent a year. Per capita purchasing power of net farm income per farm operator has had a slight downward trend since 1942. This is chiefly due to a greater increase in farm living costs compared with urban living costs.

Above and Below Parity

5. Using the 4-year period 1926 to 1929 as a parity income base for comparison, per capita farm income was above parity in 1942, 1944, 1948 and 1949. It was below parity in 1943, 1945, 1947 and 1950. For the 9 years 1942 to 1950 per capita farm income averaged approximately parity. The fluctuations have been small since 1942 and have been chiefly due to changes in gross income from the wheat crop.

6. Using the 5 year period 1925 to 1929 as a parity price base, the highest parity price ratio for farm products was reached in 1948. At the present time the ratio has fallen to about 2 to 3 per cent below parity. The average for the same years, 1942 to 1950, was about 3 per cent above parity.

Sees Average Relationship Fair

Recognizing that there have been rather wide variations in the profit-

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ableness of different types of farming since 1942, yet the fact remains that over the past nine years the average relationship between the earnings of farm and non-farm people as a whole has been about as fair as could be achieved under a free society.

To have attempted, over the past nine years, to raise the average net farm income per capita to a higher level relative to non-farm people, I believe would have resulted in a series of excessive subsidies, controls and regulations which in the long run would have been distasteful to farmers, and in the long run would have lost us the goodwill of the non-farm people.

"Our Main Task"

If this reasoning is sound then it would appear that our main task should be to see that in the future this fair overall relationship between the incomes of farm and non-farm people is maintained. This does not mean that the profitability of any single type of farming must be maintained

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at all times. We must have reasonable flexibility of net income from different types of farming within the whole system of farming to allow for necessary free adjustments either by individual producers or producers acting in unison. If we are not willing to allow such free adjustments then eventually a government authority will tell us how much we must adjust. I do not believe that this is the Canadian farmers' idea of democracy.

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MORE PRODUCTION VITAL IF EXPORT TO BE RETAINED

**Alberta Dairymen's Convention
in Calgary Proves Most
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Opening phases of the A.D.A. Convention were dealt with in our last issue.

If export markets for dairy products are to be retained, milk production on Canadian farms must be increased, declared D. M. Beattie, associate chief of grading and inspection services, Ottawa, in addressing the Alberta Dairy-men's Convention in Calgary. If present trends continued, the whole output would be required for the domestic trade. At the same time, quality must be guarded continually, he warned.

Many Notable Features

Dr. Beattie's address was one of the many highly instructive and most valuable convention features, which included informative addresses by O. J. W. Shugg, Director of Publicity, on the progress of the Advertising Campaign, and by C. W. Reynolds, Vice-President and General Manager of E. W. Reynolds, Ltd., Merchandising and Advertising Service, Toronto.

Milk production was down slightly in Canada last year from that of 1949, Mr. Beattie said, and it was difficult to predict the output for the current year, or the quantity of dairy products that might be available for export. High prices for beef had led to reduc-

Break Another Record

WASHINGTON, D.C. — More money was borrowed by more farmers' co-ops from the 13 banks for co-operatives in 1950 than in any other year, the FCA reported here recently. In all, 1,414 associations borrowed \$402 millions. It is estimated that the banks serve directly or indirectly more than 70 per cent of the farmers' marketing and purchasing co-operatives of the country.

tion of dairy herds; at the same time, full employment and high purchasing power spelled an increasing demand for milk and cream.

Concentrated Products Increasing

Butter continues to be the major factor in dairy production, said Mr. Beattie. Last year, between 44 and 45 per cent of the total milk output of the country was used in the manufacture of butter. Concentrated milk products were becoming increasingly important.

On the other hand, cheese was the one dairy product which had declined in volume during recent years. But the domestic market is growing, he pointed out, and, although about half the cheese made in Canada has to be exported, Canadian cheese had a good reputation abroad. Last year, from May to October, all cheese made in Quebec and Ontario had been requisitioned to fulfill contracts with the United Kingdom.

Butter Gets Greatest Share

At present, Mr. Beattie said, producers got the greatest share of the consumer's dollar for milk sold in the form of butter — 76.4 cents, according to recent computations of the economics division of the Federal Department of Agriculture; while 54.5 cents of each dollar paid by the consumer for fluid milk went back to the farm, and 33.6 cents in the case of cheese.

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"It's like carrying coals to Newcastle for me to address you on the dairy industry," declared Dr. C. A. Iverson, of Iowa State College, in the course of a comparison of dairying in Alberta and Iowa. "Your butter is better than ours, your ice cream is better, and everything, all better." He gave a very interesting demonstration and talk on the quality of four kinds of cheese now being produced in his State, and the delegates, given pieces of the various cheeses to sample, had an agreeable share in the demonstration.

The dangers that accompany any shortage of items of the daily diet was underlined by J. R. Crozier, Edmonton, in his presidential address to the producers' section. Development of the further use of substitutes would tend to restrict the use of dairy products, he said, and "much of the good work we have done through our Milk Foundations and the raising of funds for advertising would soon be lost."

Protecting Home Market

The situation had changed in the period of a year, from one of troublesome surpluses to threatened shortages, and to protect the home markets it would be necessary to ensure ample supplies. Efforts were being made in the field of prices, but this, said Mr. Crozier, was not the whole solution.

"The average production of our cows is increasing noticeably," continued Mr. Crozier, "but we still have a long way to go to equal that of many countries where dairying is playing a major role." Better pastures for fall and spring were recommended, and the need for more effective disease control was emphasized. "Both Bang's and Mastitis are costing us a terrific amount of money."

Competitions Are Keen

Butter and cheese competitions were, as usual, an interesting and valuable part of the program. Very close results marked the inter-Provincial competition, with the top eleven entries ranging from 96.8 to 97.2 points. Two Manitoba entries took

Church Again Head of Co-op Milk Company

At the annual meeting of the Co-operative Milk Company, held in Calgary on February 20th, George E. Church, Balzac, was re-elected president. Mr. Church thus begins his fifteenth term of office.

John Fairweather, Springbank, was re-elected vice-president, and J. T. Cullen, also of Springbank, was re-elected secretary. Other members of the Board of Directors are J. D. McLaurin, Bowness, James Cutt, Calgary, and F. Clayholt, Madden. Mr. Clayholt represents the cream shippers.

Reports presented by the manager, R. V. Duffy, showed that sales during the past year had amounted to over \$1,100,000. An increase in milk handled brought the quantity delivered to Calgary homes during the year to over 3,000,000 quarts.

Due to weather conditions, cream production was less in 1950 than in the previous year. It was hoped, however, that cream deliveries would increase with improved feed conditions, and that greater numbers of producers would come to see the advantages of co-operative marketing of their cream output.

first and second places, but the Edberg plant of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool, in third place, was only one point behind the winner. Some of the other awards are listed below.

Top placing in the De Laval event for highest average score went to S. Bodker, C.A.D.P., Red Deer. Northern Alberta Dairy Pool's plants at Daysland and Holden took the top two places in Group 1 of the section for highest percentage of first grade butter in 1950, with C.A.D.P. Rocky Mountain House, Crystal Dairy, Macleod and Central Creameries, Sundre, also securing placings. In Group 1, Grading proficiency competition, the first three places went to Northern Alberta Dairy Pool plants at Daysland, St. Paul and Vermilion, with C.A.D.P. plants at Coronation and Edberg in fourth and fifth places. In Group 2, of the same competition, awards were won by N.A.D.P., Edgerton, Co-op Milk Co., Calgary, South Edmonton Creamery and Viking Co-op Creamery. In the section for best kept creameries and surroundings, first place went to the C.A.D.P. at Red Deer. Top placings in the Alberta Cheese and Cheddar Cheese competitions went to N.A.D.P. units at Millet and Bruderheim.

Two Nanton girls, Helen Wagner and Betty Brown, winners of the Junior national foods project championship (Continued on Page 13)

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A Biography of HENRY WISE WOOD

Reviewed by L. D. NESBITT

HENRY WISE WOOD died on June 10th, 1941, at the age 81 years. He was Alberta's greatest farm leader, and one of the most outstanding in the history of Canadian agriculture. For nearly a quarter of a century he dominated the agricultural movement in Alberta.

Remarkable Progress

During that period Alberta farm people, as a result of Mr. Wood's leadership, made remarkable progress in the establishment of substantial farmer-owned co-operative organizations, chief of which is the Alberta Wheat Pool. The influence of the Alberta effort extended into and permeated farm movements in Saskatchewan and Manitoba, where notable leaders arose to make a striking contribution to agricultural progress in the Prairie Provinces of Canada, not only in economics but also in political affairs.

Events Becoming Dimmed

Those who have participated in the great events which occurred during the Wood regime have long lamented the absence of a biography of this remarkable man. The years were passing and the events of the burgeoning period of the Wood era were becoming be-dimmed. A new generation of farmers was coming on the scene, young men and women



who "knew not Wood". Historians expressed the opinion that a biography of Henry Wise Wood was almost a "must". A couple of years ago a young Canadian-born professor of history on the staff of Washington Square College, a New York University, undertook the task. His name is William K. Rolph. Professor Rolph's book is entitled **Henry Wise Wood of Alberta**. It is published by the University of Toronto Press, price \$3.75.

Covers History of Movement

The life of Henry Wise Wood cannot be competently written without providing therewith the history of the agrarian and political movements of the period in which this farm leader held sway. This fact was thoroughly appreciated by Professor Rolph, and hence readers of "Henry Wise Wood of Alberta" are able to peruse a most interesting account of such happenings of nearly a generation ago.

In his biography of Mr. Wood, Professor Rolph has not adopted the rather sprightly and melodramatic style so common in biographies written by United States authors. As a result the readability of the biography may have suffered somewhat, but the record is clear and intense and quite pleasing. Perhaps it was necessary for the author to have had a long acquaintanceship with the subject of his book to provide a more intimate personal touch of the character and human attributes of his subject.

Unassuming and Unselfish

In the heyday of his power, Henry Wise Wood was portrayed by certain Canadian newspaper editors, mainly those at some distance from Alberta, as a demagogic autocrat who ruled Alberta farm organizations through tricks of oratory and specious arguments. Actually the man was one of the most unassuming individuals and one of the most unselfish. His nature was altruistic and self-aggrandizement was the least thing he thought of. Therein lay one source of his power in farm organizations.

Henry Wise Wood had a rich sense of humor and many of his anecdotes are still related by those who were associated with him. Unfortunately there has never been made a collection of these "Wood jokes". If such had been the case the pages of Professor Rolph's biography would have been considerably enlightened.

As one who had a close association with the late Henry Wise Wood for 15 years, I have read Professor Rolph's biography with a great deal of satisfaction. I can wholeheartedly recommend it to all who are interested in the farm movement in Western Canada, to all students of history, and to all those with inquiring minds who like reading a really good biography.

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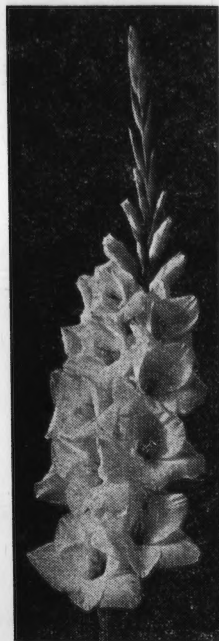
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Feb. 16th. — U.S. is leading UN towards war, charges Stalin; attacks Attlee; denies U.S.S.R. is building up armed forces. Eisenhower, returning to Paris, says U.S. interest in Europe prompted by "enlightened self-interest." Acheson says first purpose of U.S. must be to deter aggression in Europe. U.S. labor leaders charge controls program in hands of big business; labor men on wage board send in resignations, dissatisfied with limit of 10 per cent on wage increases.

Feb. 17th. — Gardiner goes to London to seek further payment from U.K. government on post-war wheat sales. North Koreans drive gap in east flank of UN line. London will ask clarification Truman statement re crossing 38th; Britain anxious decision should be joint one. Tito says attack on Yugoslavia would bring general war.

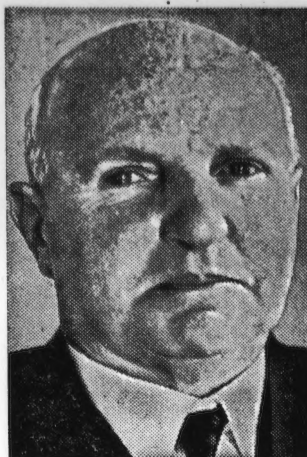
Feb. 18th. — Washington states MacArthur still in full command in Korea. Tokyo says Chinese decisively defeated within 35 miles from 38th. London newspaper declares U.K. could produce atomic bomb at any time. Railroad strikes and slowdowns begin in Britain.

Feb. 19th. — Washington report quotes U.S. military men as saying Eighth Army could not be put out of Korea by less than million Chinese. Britain, U.S., other Western powers challenge Stalin's statement that all



Hon. J. G. Gardiner

Britain's Steel Chief



When the British steel became a nationally-owned industry, "The Iron and Steel Corporation of Great Britain," last week, one of the country's successful business leaders who is a member of the Labor Party, became chairman of the board. He is Steven Hardy, 65, shown above. While the nation now exercises national financial control of the industry, there is no centralization of management. Large number of different steel enterprises will carry on very much as before.

but Russia working for war. British, French, American notes to Russia suggest Big Four meeting in Washington, stipulate arming of East European satellite countries, as well as of Germany, be discussed. On request of British Government, Tokyo reports no British vessel took part in attack on Korean east coast ports, north of 38th, last Wednesday. Lie says he agrees with Stalin that war is not inevitable.

Feb. 20th. — UN forces, with tank spearhead, report advance of seven miles in Central Korea. MacArthur orders "resumption of initiative" by his troops. Acheson urges U.S. give 2 million tons of wheat to India.

Feb. 21st. — British Canberra jet bomber makes record transatlantic flight, 4½ hours. U.S. battleship Missouri shells objectives 170 miles north of 38th. Pearson announces Canada will give low grade wheat to India as part of Colombo program. Ottawa states Canada and U.S. have reached agreement on civil defence plans.

Feb. 22nd. — UN troops from five countries, make gains up to eight miles along wide front, reports Tokyo; Canadian troops see action for first time in campaign. Churchill expresses resentment that U.S. admiral to be appointed chief of allied naval forces under North Atlantic Pact.

Feb. 23rd. — In London, Gardiner states Britain not likely to make additional wheat payments. UN forces in Korea meet stiffened resistance. UN good offices committee moves to ascertain if Peiping will again discuss Korean peace terms. British rail strike ends, wages increased average of 7½ per cent.

Feb. 24th. — Canadians in heavy fighting in Korea, with British and New Zealand units. Bombay report says Chinese land reform program proceeding cautiously; states Peiping government admits violence and irregularities in early redistribution of land. Russian not to Britain expresses willingness to negotiate differences; states 2,500,000 men under arms in U.S.S.R. Washington reports U.S. is rushing arrangements for independence of Western Germany and Japan, against Russian protests.

Feb. 25th. — Two U.S. national guard divisions to go to Japan, announced in Washington. Demonstrators in Paris call for release of Petain, now 95.

Feb. 26th. — Tokyo states U.S. troops advanced several miles in Central Korea. U.S. army chief of staff says China, Manchuria, to be bombed if Chinese air or sea forces attack.

A.F.A. NOTES

By JAMES McFALL, Secretary
C.F.A. presentation to Cabinet. In the last edition of these notes we mentioned that the C. F. A. made their annual presentation to the Federal Cabinet on February 15th.

We would now like to summarize briefly some of the points contained in this presentation. First let us realize that the C.F.A. submission is a summary of the points of policy established through the Annual Meeting. It leaves many details to be brought out in discussion or taken direct to Department heads concerned.

Inflation and Price Controls

Possibly one of the first and most important points presented was that of price control and the relations of such controls to inflation. The Federation is on record as requesting the Government to name a competent body to undertake a continuous study of the position of the various economic groups and to make recommendations looking toward the most equitable basis possible upon which to impose price controls if and when such are needed. It was pointed out that controls if and when applied must go into effect on all groups in our economy and must not leave any branch of our society under depressed conditions as applied to agriculture in 1941, when prices were controlled during World War 2.

The submission pointed out that, generally speaking, agricultural prices during the last two years have shown little change. On the other hand farm production costs have risen steadily. In the face of these increased costs, net farm income in 1950 was about five percent lower than 1949 and nine percent lower than 1948.

Another factor affecting production is the declining farm labor force. Last year this decline amounted to about 80,000 and is now 170,000 less than in 1946. This ties in closely with another problem, that of allocation of essential materials. In other words, if agriculture is to maintain production with less labor, farmers must be assured of sufficient machinery and mechanical power to do the job. This fact is of particular significance in light of increasing demand for defence purposes.

Want Definite Policy

Under the question of price support policy, the Federation expressed appreciation of the Agricultural Prices Support Act and the fact that it is now of a permanent nature. They did, however, point out that the Provincial Federations clear across Canada, through the CFA, were strongly urging that some basic formula or definite policy be established for the application of the act.

On the subject of marketing, the submission again recorded the CFA's support of the Wheat Board as the sole marketing agency for coarse grains. It went further, and recommended that the Board should make only minimum use of the futures market in order (Continued on Page 9)

Attlee says Britain has agreed accept American to head joint naval forces.

Feb. 27th. — London despatch announces U.S. has agreed on consultation before crossing the 38th parallel. UN forces repulse counter-attacks states Tokyo.

Feb. 28th. — Chinese taken prisoners say big offensive planned for next month.

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STATEMENT IS MADE BY FUA PRESIDENT

The following statement has been received from Henry G. Young of Millet, President of the Farmers' Union of Alberta:

In view of the fact that four members of the Board resigned during the recent Board meeting, and that subsequently three of them issued to the press, statements as to their reasons for resigning, I wish to make this statement by way of explanation.

At the last annual convention a resolution expressing the opinion that "known Communists" should be barred from holding office on the Central Board of the F.U.A., was passed. The Executive was instructed to get legal advice as to how this could be done.

Our solicitors advised us very definitely that nothing could be done along this line without a further constitutional amendment. This report was laid before the Board at the recent Board meeting. The Board appointed a Committee to confer with our lawyers and have a constitutional amendment drawn up and presented to the next Board meeting in July. Following this the final decision on this matter will rest with the locals and the next annual convention.

This is all that can be done on the matter at the present time no matter how anyone feels about it. In view of this fact, resigning from the Board seems to be a very futile and defeatist method of trying to resolve the situation.

Of course we regret the loss of valued officers, but the organization is more important than any individuals, and no one of us is indispensable.

(In Mrs. Ross, who now is president of the F.W.U.A., we are very fortunate to have a person of long experience and outstanding ability. She can be depended upon never to let the organization down. Mr. Wright's place is already filled by our tried and trusted friend, R. N. Russell, who is a former vice-president. A. B. Falla of Sedgewick has been selected by District 8 Board to fill Mr. Kapler's place. For the F.W.U.A., a poll of their Board has resulted in the selection of Mrs. W. C. Taylor of Wainwright and Miss Molly Coupland of Lethbridge as first and second vice-presidents.)

The most deplorable part of such an occurrence as this is the false impression which the public gets through the ballyhoo which goes into the press and over the radio on the matter. The fact is that the so-called "Communist influence" in the F.U.A. is greatly exaggerated and really amounts to very little.

To my knowledge no Communist has ever been a member of our Executive and on a Board of 24 members, there are possibly two.

In this article it is not my purpose to enter into argument, but merely to state facts, and let the readers judge for themselves, which I think they are quite capable of doing.

Now in conclusion, I would like to direct attention to the fact that we have important work to do. The F.U.A. was organized to stand up for the interests of the man on the land. Our objective is Parity for Agriculture, and we are still far from that goal. Nothing should ever be allowed to distract our attention from our main objective. No doubt the Big Interests of Canada just love to see farmers so busy fighting each other that they have no time to deal with their real enemies.

There was a day in Alberta's history when the great majority of Alberta farmers belonged to or supported

one farm organization. That was when the U.F.A. was in its heyday. In that day farmers were listened to with respect.

Since that time we have become weak because we have allowed ourselves to be divided against each other. To make agriculture a power in the land once more, we must close the ranks and organize as was done in 1915-19.

Today our No. 1 problem is the price relationship between farm products and the general price level. The solution of this will take all our efforts. Many issues such as car insurance, rural electrification, oil development, educational policy, etc., all have a bearing on this. Let us one and all put first things first and direct our efforts always towards our main objective.

(All vacancies on the staff have been filled. Mrs. G. Wohl is now Acting Secretary of the F.U.A.)

FROM THE JUNIOR EXECUTIVE

The following has been received by The Western Farm Leader from the Junior F.U.A. Executive:

The executive of the Jr. F.U.A. view with deep concern the situation within the F.U.A. which has recently been the cause of resignations from the F.U.A. Board. Having in mind the reasons for such resignations, and the significance attaching to such action, we, the Junior F.U.A. wish to make a public statement at this time, namely: that a full resume of events will be presented to the annual Junior F.U.A. convention to be held in June, in order that full information may be in the possession of its members; and further, that in the light of such information, the convention may at that time, take appropriate action with respect to the future activities of the young farm people of Alberta."

(See also Page 11)

STAFF RESIGNATIONS

Copy of a letter from Miss Grace Gray (resigning her position as acting-secretary, and accompanied by resignations from four other members of the office staff) has been received by The Western Farm Leader. It gives as reasons "lack of co-operation from the President"; "apparent suspicion permeating every phase of work"; and states: "Finally, as a matter of principle, I cannot continue to serve in any capacity where it is apparent that a lack of initiative and interest is shown on the part of some leaders of this organization in attempting to carry out a directive of the annual convention to rid the organization of its Communist tendencies. It is, however, with deep regret that I have found it necessary to sever my connections with the farm people of Alberta because my life-long associations and interests have been interwoven with those of people on the land, and it had been my intention and my hope, that whatever service I might be able to give, would be directed towards the achievement of better social conditions and higher standards of living for those who have always comprised the membership of Canada's basic industry."

From Two Directors

Publication has been requested of a release sent by mail, signed "F. E. Maricle, Director Dist. 4, F.U.A.; Ray Garneau, Director Dist. 7, F.U.A.", who state: "The efforts of a few to remove us as directors of the Provincial Board, Farmers' Union of Alberta, because in the case of Mr. Maricle, of his attendance at the Second World Peace Congress, and because of our alleged political affiliations, have failed. Unity of the membership has been maintained. The Union remains non-partisan in politics", and after expression of approval of the campaign for 25 cent final wheat payment, conclude, "Unity having been maintained, the carrying

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der that experience may point a way to a sounder and more acceptable marketing policy.

On the question of the final payment for wheat deliveries to the 5-year-pool, the CFA asked that a substantial payment per bushel be made to compensate for wheat sold to the domestic trade and for the "have regard" clause of the U.K. wheat agreement.

The CFA urged that in the future the price of wheat for domestic consumption be on a level with the general economy in Canada. As a basis

out of the program and policy drafted at the meeting just concluded will result in a greatly increased membership in the coming year."

Aids Indonesia

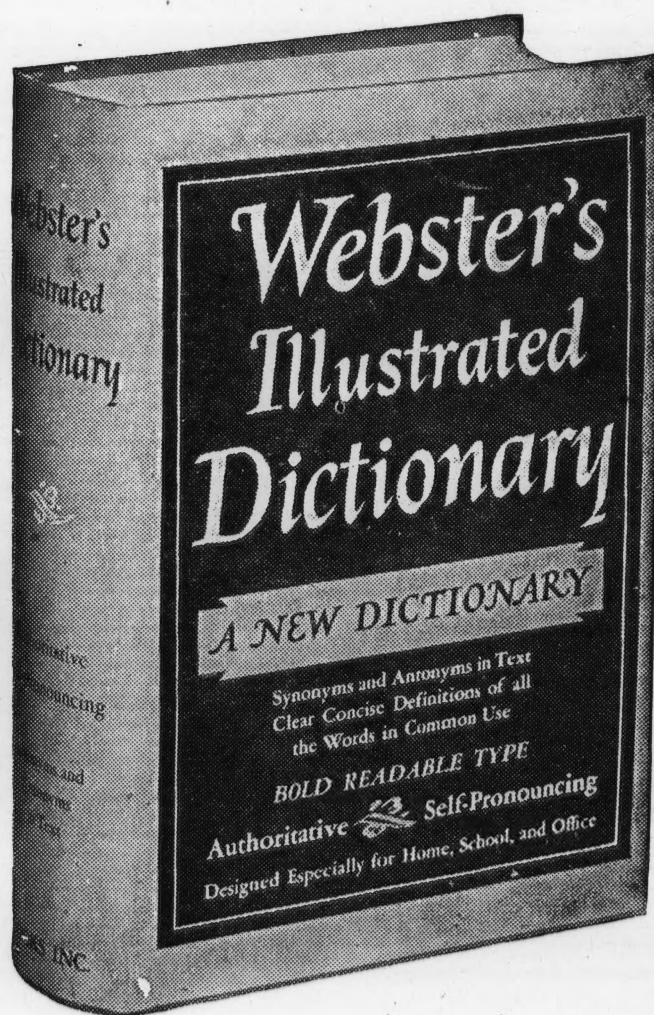
The ECA is assisting the Republic of Indonesia to buy 60 small motorized fishing boats, and 100 new engines for similar boats, which will be sold to individuals and to fishermen's co-operative groups.

they suggested \$2.00 per bushel, basis Ft. William for January, 1951, with adjustments according to the change in domestic economic conditions from the January, 1951, level.

We have mentioned in these notes only a few of the points submitted.

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Impressions of Our P.T.A. Meeting

Dear Farm Women:

Yesterday I thought I might be writing that it seemed that Spring had come. The snow was melting so very rapidly and I had managed to get a little bouquet of flowers from the shelter of the house. Today, however, I am not nearly so sure it is to hand. There is a biting wind that can equal the cutting wind on the prairies.

Very Active Here

I think I told you that the Parent Teachers' Association, (or The Home and School, to give it its name in other Provinces) is very active here. While some of the projects may be similar, some of the methods adopted for money-raising schemes here could not be adapted for prairie country-districts, while of course others could.

On St. Valentine's Day, we had a tea and concert in the village hall, and very pretty it had been made (largely by the painstaking efforts of one woman) with red paper hearts and paper lace edges very much in evidence. There was the usual singing and playing by adults and juniors, and some of high order, as we have some talented people here.

Charming Acrobatic Dancing

But what interested me most of all was the acrobatic dancing of a little girl. It was beautiful to see this little figure, in hunter's green satin suit and cap, bound on the stage and, with the accompaniment of the music, play her part. It seems particularly wonderful to us older muscle-bound people to see the wonderful litesomeness of her body and the figures she could present. Speaking to her mother afterwards, I learned that she had taken acrobatic dancing in Vancouver, from whence the family had lately come to live here. I could not but wish that every child could have the opportunity to develop his or her ability as this little girl had. No doubt many would not have achieved such litesomeness, but all would be the more graceful, have more poise, and think of how much so many would enjoy it!

We have a long, long way to go yet before we develop all our young people to capacity, before we can sit down thinking all has been accomplished. Then I heard an address one evening. The speaker spent some time emphasizing the wealth of this country. Perhaps I was over critical, but I could not but notice that he made no mention of the youth of our country—our greatest asset—and their development. He spoke of minerals, etc., that would bring much wealth later when developed, but not a reference to these young people and the need of developing them for the greatness of our country.

Two Thoughts Should Be Coupled

Thinking back—and again perhaps I am over-critical—he emphasized to great length the right of the individual. And well we know it is a priceless asset. But it seemed to me that, along with the emphasizing of that phase of our life, he should have reminded us of our need of the development of the sense of co-operation. Self-development, personal rights, with the thought of the individual always to the fore, does not seem to me to be the highest ideal we could have. Rather the two thoughts should be coupled.

Later on in his address, he gave as one of the factors that had made Canada the great country she is today was that of co-operation. It rather seemed to me he might have stressed

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the fact that there was now still greater opportunity for co-operation in our shrinking world.

However, his ideas may have been very similar to mine but expressed differently, or possibly he thought differently.

Yours sincerely,
H. ZELLA SPENCER

News of Women's Locals

Durness F.W.U.A. (Lloydminster) cleared nearly \$25 from their first dance of the year, and at a recent meeting arranged a whist drive and dance. Work is also being done, writes Mrs. T. Clutterbuck, the secretary, for a bazaar to be held later. Mrs. Arnold Alward was hostess to the meeting.

Mrs. C. Love and Mrs. T. E. Richardson were appointed to represent Berrywater F.W.U.A. (Vulcan) at a meeting called by Miss Fern Spencer, district director, to discuss the year's work and especially the summer conference. Arrangements, in co-operation with the F.U.A. Local, were made for a social evening and debate.

FARM HOME & GARDEN

Cherry Hot Bread: Drain 1 can sour red cherries, cut fruits in half, and cover with ½ cup sugar. Sift together 3 cups flour, 1 tsp. salt, and 4 tsp. baking powder; beat 1 egg with ½ cup sugar, 1 ½ tsp. grated orange peel, 2 tbs. melted butter and 1 cup milk. Combine two mixtures, then add the cherries and ¾ cup chopped nut meats. Bake 1 hour in moderate oven.

Spanish Baked Eggs: Sauté 1 cup raw rice in 2 tbs. fat for 5 minutes; add 2 ½ cups canned tomatoes, ½ cup chopped onion, 4 cups water, 1 tbs. salt. Simmer half an hour, stirring often. Place in casserole, making 6 shallow depressions. Bake 15 minutes, then drop 1 egg into each depression, and bake another 20 minutes, or until eggs are cooked.

The Pre-School Child usually likes to cut out pictures (with blunt-ended scissors). Tack a piece of white oilcloth against the wall, and let him paste pictures or pieces of colored paper to it. When the cloth is well covered, wash it off and let him start all over again.

Annual Flowers for Canadian Gardens is the title of a new pamphlet (Publication No. 796) issued by the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa. It gives lists of the best annuals for different parts of Canada, and the best for special purposes — edging, climbing, etc. There is also a descriptive list, and a cross index giving both common and botanical names.

Hybrid Bush Tomatoes for prairie gardens are being developed and tested at Morden, Man., Experimental Farm. One of these, Monarch, is now being distributed commercially. It is said to be a very strong grower and heavy fruiter.

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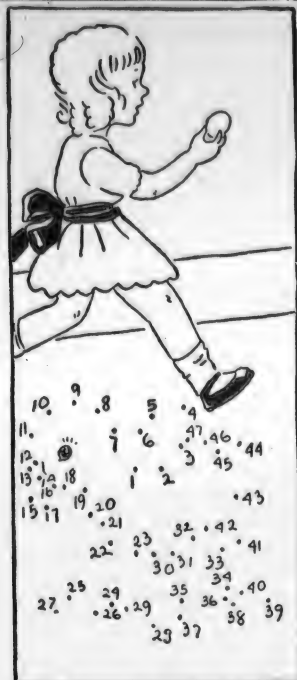
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Coady Scholarship

MONCTON, N.B. — In recognition of the work done by Dr. M. M. Coady, of St. Francis Xavier University, among Maritime fishermen, a Coady Memorial scholarship will be set up. This was decided by delegates to the recent convention, in this city, of the United Maritime Fishermen.

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Juniors Will Sponsor Calgary Stampede Queen

James Ellett, President of the Junior Branch of the Farmers' Union of Alberta, advised *The Western Farm Leader* shortly before press time that the Junior FUA will sponsor a Stampede Queen for the Calgary Stampede as originally planned. The facilities of the head office will be available to carry on the work, and Mr. Ellett states that applications and requests for information must now be sent to "Junior FUA Queen Contest, 10128 98th St., Edmonton."

On Farm Forum

Mrs. R. B. Gunn will be one of the speakers on National Farm Radio Forum, originating in Toronto, over CBC national network, on Monday evening, March 12th.

The Welfare State

"I am all for the Welfare State. I do not believe that security necessarily robs a man of incentive. I think the (British) Health Service is a grand scheme." — W. Somerset Maugham.

Open New Hospital

The new Alberta Red Cross Crippled Children's Hospital in Calgary will be opened tomorrow (March 3rd) by Hon. W. W. Cross, at a public ceremony presided over by E. E. Roper, M.L.A. Rev. Canon H. H. Maddocks will read the prayer of dedication. Next week, the hospital will hold open house daily from 2 to 5 p.m., and, on March 6th and 8th, from 7:30 to 10 p.m., and all interested are invited to attend and be shown over the hospital.

WHY EDITORS LEAVE HOME

"Mrs. Robert M., who has been a member of the council for many years, was given a rising vote of thanks when she announced that she and her family would move to Atlanta, Ga., soon." — *The Miami Herald*. Sort of soldier's farewell, what?

ALBERTA POULTRY PRODUCERS

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eggs on the market, but a shortage in some areas, in November.

Eviscerated Chicken Wins First Prize

In his review of the year's operation, Mr. Wright mentioned that an eviscerating department had been set up in the Edmonton plant, and some 15 per cent of all chicken and fowl handlings were being sold in the form of whole eviscerated birds or cut-up poultry, in attractive cartons. At the Toronto Royal Fair, the association had won first prize for Special Eviscerated Chicken.

A more satisfactory year had been experienced than had been expected, said Mr. Wright; despite a lower volume of business, it had been possible to secure for members better than average prices and at the same time of maintain a high standard of service and grading.

As already indicated in the Directors' Report, presented by Mr. Kapler, the Egg Price Support Program instituted by the Federal Government in January, 1950, had brought an element of stability, but the price itself had been set at below cost of production. In the spring, prices for Grade A large eggs had averaged 30 to 31 cents, reaching a high of 57 to 58 cents in the fall. A shortage of poultry meats had resulted in high prices, with demand particularly keen for chicken and broilers.

The low floor price set had been followed by reduced production, and this in turn was reflected in the association's handlings. Egg receipts were 5,809,530 dozens — a drop of 25 per cent from the previous year; and poultry volume of 2,258,367 pounds showed a similar drop — in both cases conforming to the decreased production in the Province.

Final Payments

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ment was 1½ cents, of which 1 cent was paid in cash; and on turkeys, 3½ cents, three cents in cash.

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Appreciation of Mr. Oberholtzer

Appreciation was expressed to J. E. Oberholtzer, Deputy Minister of Industries and Labor, who had continued to act as chairman of Alberta Poultry Marketers Limited, and who had given valuable assistance; and to the management and staff, and to members, friends and associates at large.

The delegates re-elected Mr. Kapler as president, and J. H. Rhodes, Brant, was re-elected vice-president. The retiring members of the Board, Mr. Kapler and S. Roppel, Rockyford, were both re-elected; continuing members are Louis Normandeau, Winterburn; A. J. Rix, Wetaskiwin, and Mr. Rhodes.

A pleasant feature was the sending of flowers from the delegates to Miss Louise H. O'Neill, who had had the

misfortune to break her arm badly about a month ago.

A dinner at the Corona, which concluded the meeting, was a most enjoyable affair.

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The Wheat Situation

By E. PATCHING, Publicity Dept.
Alberta Wheat Pool

Canadian export offers of high-grade milling wheat have been practically withdrawn for the balance of this crop year, according to Canadian Wheat Board officials. Heavy forward sales have been made under terms of the International Wheat Agreement, and it appears that the problem of meeting the requirements of Canadian mills may become troublesome during the next few months.

Low Over-all Quality

The reason, of course, for this shortage of milling wheat, is the low over-all quality of the 1950 prairie wheat crop. Only 48 per cent of farm deliveries, or an estimated 170-million bushels, are expected to be of a suitable grade for milling—that is 4 Northern or higher.

Canada's commitment under the International Wheat Agreement for the current year is 221 million bushels, and another 55 million bushels is likely to be used for domestic consumption. Virtually all of this should be of the top grades, since importing nations purchase Canadian wheat to add strength and quality to their own lower grade grain. Thus it will be seen that supplies of milling wheat from the 1950 crop will be far short of the demand. Fortunately there was a substantial carryover last July 31st of about 110 million bushels, which was predominantly high grade.

Carryover of Lower Grades

While a portion of Canada's feed wheat has been disposed of at fairly favorable prices, it is expected that there will be a carryover of about 145 million bushels of the lower grades at the close of the crop year next July 31st. Some increases in livestock production may be expected as a means of utilizing this low grade wheat. However, Canada's stocks of feed grains, exclusive of feed wheat, for the 1950-51 crop year are the largest in this country's peacetime history. It is fully expected that disposal of all of the poor quality grain may require two or three years.

Despite the severe damage to last year's crop and the lower initial farm price, the gross value of the 1950 prairie wheat crop exceeds that of 1949. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics places the value at \$520.9 million, compared to \$514 million for the 1949 crop. These figures do not take into consideration any final payments which may be forthcoming on either

Livestock Markets Review

CALGARY, STOCKYARDS, Feb. 28th. — Hogs sold yesterday at \$36, Grade A; sows \$22; good lambs \$34.50, good ewes \$14 to \$16.50. Good to choice butcher heifers \$30 to \$31.50, down to \$27.50 for common; good to near choice butcher heifers \$30 to \$31.50, down to \$25.50; good cows \$24.50 to \$25.50, down to \$22.25 for common; canners and cutters \$19 to \$22.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, Feb. 26th — Practical top on steers at the close of the week was \$32.50, most good butcher steers selling from \$31 to \$32.25; similar quality heifers, \$29 to \$31. Stocker and feeder cattle continue in fairly good demand, good feeder steers selling mostly from \$31 to \$32. Hogs sold at \$36 for Grade A, for shipment; lambs \$32.50 to \$35.

The Dairy Market

Due largely to shortages, the dairy market is in an unsettled condition. As we go to press, Special cream is 68 cents, locally; No. 1 is 66; No. 2, 54 and off-grade 48. Butter is 66 cents for prints, wholesale and 70 cents for solids.

EGG AND POULTRY MARKET

An advance in egg prices has brought A1 large, locally, to producers, to 42 cents, medium 40 and pullets 36; Grade A, large 37, medium 35, pullets 31; Grade B 30, C, 24 and crax 22. Dressed or rail grade chicken, Special, over 5 lbs. 48, 4-5 lbs. 46, under 4 lbs. 42; Grade A, 46 down to 40; Grade B 38 down to 34; Grade C, 28 down to 22. Dressed fowl, A, 36 down to 30; B, 30 down to 25; C, 21 down to 15.

Reduced rail fares, of one and a half for the round trip to the annual spring livestock show in Calgary, March 19th to 23rd, have been announced.

Machines for Refugees

NEW YORK. — Net margins on CARE's earnings supplied the wherewithal for the purchase of 120 Co-op sewing machines, which, together with 107,000 yards of fabrics, 5,000 dozen spools of thread and 2,775 pounds of yarn for knitting, were sent to Frankfurt, Germany, recently. They will be distributed to refugee and displaced persons' camps.

crop. The reason for the increased value is the greatly increased production, 427 million bushels in 1950 as against 337 million in 1949.

The value of Alberta's 1950 wheat crop of 117 million bushels is placed at \$148.6 million. Production of wheat in Alberta in 1949 was 97 million bushels with a value of \$144.5 million.

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slightly tempered by considering that he didn't fulfill his contracts with Britain for bacon, cheese and other products for a number of years.

The price rise has been general, and North American prices are quite beyond the prices that Britain can pay. But, after all, a contract is a mutual agreement, and while these contracts were in force — and there was no outcry against these contracts when they were made, quite the contrary — the farmers took advantage of the prices in the United States for beef and turned their energies to that branch of the livestock industry, and also sold their bacon for the domestic market. One may say that it was natural and right that they should do so, but if there have been breaches of contract at all it has not been all on one side.

Suggested Wheat Contribution to India

Aside from the interest felt by all people in this country, as well as everywhere else in the free world, in the future of the Colombo (Commonwealth) Plan to assist the people of the south and southeast areas of Asia, there is a special point of interest to Western farmers in the suggestion made by Canada to India that part of this country's first year's contribution

CBC News Chief



Editor-in-chief of the CBC News Service, D. C. McArthur (above), has occupied that position since the service was inaugurated ten years ago. Before that he had had, outside radio, 17 years' experience in the newspaper, magazine and publicity fields. Born in New York, he later lived in England, and in 1910 he moved with his family to a farm in Middlesex County, Ont. He graduated from the Ontario Agricultural College, served in the first world war with the 55th Field Battery; later worked with the old Toronto Globe and the Maclean Publishing Company.

to the plan might consist of a shipment of wheat.

India has suffered severely through drought in some sections, floods in others and in areas through locusts. In sections at least the lack of food reaches famine conditions. The suggestion has been made but no reply has as yet been received from the Indian Government. A similar suggestion has been made to the Government of Pakistan.

The wheat, if it goes, will of course be handled and paid for through the Wheat Board in the regular way. It would be a national gift. Canada's contribution for the first year of the plan is \$25,000,000, and the wheat would represent a portion of this. In relation to the Colombo plan, the question of appropriate contributions from other participants in the plan is still undecided. The British and Australian contributions are already known, but those from other nations are still to be decided.

Pearson States Position

When describing the whole situation of the plan and its future in the House of Commons, Hon. L. B. Pearson, Secretary of State for External Affairs, quoted from the Colombo report on the hopes for the success of plan:

"In a world racked by schism and confusion, it is doubtful whether free men can long afford to leave undeveloped and imprisoned in poverty the human resources of south and southeast Asia which could help so greatly, not only to restore the world's prosperity, but also to redress its confusion and enrich the lives of all men everywhere."

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Joint Delegation From Three Unions Is Going to Ottawa

Sending of a joint delegation to Ottawa in March "to press the claims of agriculture" for a final payment of 25c on the 5-year pool and in regard to other matters, was decided upon at a meeting of the co-ordinating council of the Farmers' Unions of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba held in Saskatoon on February 22nd, according to a report to *The Western Farm Leader* from Henry Young, President of the FUA. President J. L. Phelps of the Saskatchewan Farmers' Union and President Schultz of the Manitoba Union, as well as A. R. Hadland of the FUA Executive, took part.

The co-ordinating council set forth that "farm prices would have to be adjusted to a basis of parity" before price controls would be acceptable to agriculture; and decided to press for upward revision of the maximum prices under the International Wheat Agreement, as it was stated, "the present wheat prices are completely out of line with farm costs, and the rates in the Agreement are obsolete." The council declared that "in view of the present inflationary trend, the rates should be reviewed each year." It was decided to press for a domestic price for wheat on a parity basis, "irrespective of world price."

Strong opposition was expressed to imposition of the "so-called anti-dumping duties on British cars," such a policy being declared to be contrary to the public interest.

ALBERTA DAIRYMEN

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at the Royal Winter Fair last fall, won the hearts of their audience when they put on a "Spotlight on Milk" demonstration. Milk was a "must" food, they said, pointing out that it contained more food value (except for iron) than any other single food.

The annual banquet was a most enjoyable affair.

Crozier President of Alberta Dairymen

New president of the Association is J. B. Crozier, St. Albert, Edmonton. R. V. Duffy, Calgary, and R. H. M. Bailey, Clover Bar, Edmonton, are vice-presidents, and D. H. MacCallum, Edmonton, is again the most capable secretary-treasurer. Four new directors were elected: Clarence Hendrickson, Bawlf, J. R. Sweeney, Edmonton, J. G. Braun, and Wes Miller, both of Calgary.

The Producers' Section elected as officers J. B. Crozier, president; Curtis Clark, Carstairs, vice-presidents; A. M. Anderson, Edmonton, secretary; and Jack Tiffin, Lethbridge, Tom Morris, Didsbury and Francis Maddock, Edmonton, directors.

R. H. M. Bailey was elected president of the Cattle Breeders' Section. He represents the Guernsey breeders. Vice-president is T. H. Howes, Millet (Red Poll); secretary, R. P. Dixon, Edmonton; directors, Harry Colpitts, Calgary (Holstein); A. C. Anderson, Calgary (Ayrshire) and N. Reid Clarke, Didsbury (Jersey).

J. R. Sweeney, Edmonton, is president of the Operators' Section, with G. M. Carlyle, Calgary, vice-president; directors are R. Stanley, Edmonton; E. A. Johnstone, Red Deer; H. L. Hunter, Edmonton; H. C. Hansen, Lethbridge; and Sam Colpitts, Calgary.

Clarence Hendrickson is president of the Cheesemakers' Section and John Braun of Calgary and O. Lundberg of Alix are president and vice-president of the Plant Section.

CO-OP CONGRESS OPENS MARCH 5th
REGINA. —The 42nd annual Congress of the Co-operative Union of Canada will meet here March 5th to 9th, and will be attended by visitors from Newfoundland to British Columbia.

Tribute to Britain — How Rebels Became Friends

Paying a remarkable tribute to Great Britain, in behalf of an India which was for many decades in rebellion (in one form or another) against British rule, Sir Benegal Rau, India's representative at Lake Success, suggested in a recent debate that the same spirit of conciliation which had grown in India might perhaps be made to grow in China also.

"Sir Benegal referred," states the *New York Nation*, "to the action of Great Britain in granting freedom to India in words which may have been meant as a warning to London not to spoil its record in Asia by an intransigent attitude now."

"It may be contended," he said, "that the People's Government (of China) is in fact a rebel against the United Nations and that to negotiate with a rebel is inconsistent with the prestige of the organization."

"Five or six years ago there was an organization in India which had rebelled against British authority; British statesmen, nevertheless, negotiated with the leaders of that organization, amid prophecies of disaster to all concerned. What happened? Those leaders are now world figures; India remains within the Commonwealth of her own free will; all trace of bitterness against the British has vanished; the Commonwealth is stronger than ever; indeed, in this very crisis it has played an important role — the prestige of the United Kingdom has never stood higher in India."

"All the prophets of disaster have been proved wrong and, I may perhaps add, have been glad to be proved wrong. This is not the only instance of the kind in the history of the United Kingdom; there are several others; they all show how a little imagination and understanding at the right moment can achieve what war and force cannot."

"After this lesson in diplomacy and history, Sir Benegal made a subtle appeal to the other nations not to disregard the vast changes taking place in Asia and explained why the Chinese Communists were suspicious of the west. He had analyzed, one by one, in the precise terms of a legal expert, the points in the Chinese reply which could be considered counter-proposals and offered room for elucidation and adjustment, for further discussion and negotiation."

"PEACE WITH CHINA COUNCIL"

LONDON, Eng.—Lord Boyd-Orr is taking a leading part in the "Peace With China Council" which seeks a peaceful solution to the crisis in Asia.

Again Ask Alberta Gov't. Enact Enabling Measure

The Provincial Government was again urged, by resolution of the annual convention of Alberta Poultry Producers, Limited, last week, to bring in legislation which would enable Alberta to co-operate with other Provinces in establishing a National Marketing Board, under Federal Bill 82.

The Canadian Federation of Agriculture was urgently reminded, in another resolution, that the protection of farm interests in the inauguration and administration of a system of price control is one of the most necessary and vital problems affecting Canadian agriculture.

Resolutions were also carried by the delegates proposing that the use of estrogen for fattening poultry be made legal; recommending that everything possible be done to ensure eggs being kept under refrigeration; urging that all poultry be sold by grade in Alberta cities; asking the Directors to give consideration to the establishment of a turkey breeding farm to improve turkey stock; and requesting that pressure be continued for adequate financial assistance in the matter of scientific poultry research.

Sun of Canada's 1950 Business Largest of Any Canadian Life Company

POLICYHOLDERS' DIVIDENDS AGAIN INCREASED

Four hundred and forty-one million dollars of new life insurance was issued by the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada in 1950, the largest amount written by any Canadian life company during the year, and over \$68 million (18.4%) more than the total for the preceding year. The volume of new insurance written during 1950 was greater than any of recent years and represents the substantial total of \$1,736,000 for each working day. George W. Bourke, President of the Sun Life, in releasing the 80th Annual Report announced a further increase in policyholders' dividends effective April 1, 1951, bringing the total amount payable this year to more than \$18 million.

Benefits of New High

The report reveals the strong position of the Company and the continuing expansion of its business and services. Total Sun Life insurance in force now amounts to \$4,462,000,000, or \$275 million (6.6%) more than a year ago. Group business now in force is \$1,085,000,000, an increase of 13.8%. Over \$98 million of new Group business was written in 1950 compared with \$62 million in 1949. Payments to Sun Life policyholders in 1950 amounted to \$121,476,000, a new high, bringing to \$2,361,860,000 total benefits paid since the Company's first policy was issued in 1871.

Assets of the Sun Life increased during 1950 by \$70 million, and now stand at \$1,597,000,000, 73% of which is invested in government, municipal, public utility and industrial bonds. Mortgage loans, reflecting the trend in home building, showed an increase of \$31 million for the year, bringing the total to \$188 million, or 12% of assets. The rate of interest earned on the assets in 1950 was 3.61% as

against 3.48% in 1949 and 3.30% in 1948.

Distribution of Business

The international character of the Company's business is illustrated by the amount of insurance and annuities in force in the various countries where the Sun Life operates: Canada 41%; United States 38%; Great Britain 12%; other countries 9%.

Mr. Bourke, in his review of the year, discussed the value of life insurance in the fight against inflation, and pointed out that life insurance premiums, while serving to provide protection for individuals and families, also add to savings which, in turn, benefit the nation as a whole through investments for essential purposes. The business of life insurance reflects the voluntary co-operation of the millions of men and women whose confidence and faith it enjoys. In return, the companies have established traditions of service and integrity which are outstanding in the annals of human endeavor.

Steps Against Inflation

Mr. Bourke offered five suggestions as important countermeasures against inflation: (1) Purchase only what is necessary. (2) Increase productivity by greater efficiency and maximum effort. (3) Finance defence and other necessary national expenditures on the pay-as-you-go principle. (4) Avoid wasteful government expenditures and duplication of service. (5) Increase personal savings.

A copy of the Sun Life's complete 1950 Annual Report of Policyholders, including the President's review of the year, will be sent to each policyholder or may be obtained from the Head Office in Montreal or from any of the branch, group or mortgage offices of the Company from coast to coast.

WITHDRAWAL SUGGESTED

One district board has recommended that the district organization be prepared to withdraw from the F.U.A. and seek direct affiliation with the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, according to a statement issued on Tuesday by Mrs. R. B. Gunn, Mrs. M. E. Lowe and K. V. Kapler, three former Directors who resigned from the Central Board of the F.U.A. recently.

ASKS EARLY AMENDMENT

Asking the Executive "to carry out, at the earliest possible date, constitutional amendment giving authority to expel known Communists from the Board," a resolution was carried at an F.U.A. meeting in Claresholm. It was attended by 80 persons, representing 27 F.U.A. Locals, states a report from Mrs. Vera M. Gillespie, Secretary of District 12. Another resolution strongly recommends that the Executive should be elected from the Board, and be responsible to them. The meeting also declared its confidence in the members of the Board who had felt obliged to resign, asked them if possible to reconsider their resignations, and expressed hope that at a future date they would again serve on the Central Board. It was recommended that all petitions for the final pay-

ment for wheat in the Five Year Pool be signed and returned to Central Office without delay; and the meeting gave instructions that telegrams be sent to the Alberta Senators and the M.P.'s for District 12, requesting a final payment of not less than 25c.

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Thanks, Sydney, for the opportunity of saying a few words to your large family of readers. Speaking of the classics, did you know, folks, that if HELEN didn't succeed at first, she could TROY, TROY and TROY AGAIN.

And isn't it a fact, folks, that paying the U.S. in gold is putting a lot of other countries on their metal?

ISN'T IT THE TRUTH?

Speaking of that brave new world we were promised, someone or other points out that we have had the HUNGRY THIRTIES, the HELLISH FORTIES, and it's now up to the promoters to provide the PEACEFUL FIFTIES.

Personally, before we grow too old, we'd like to try at the Sinful Sixties. However, that decade is likely to become the SERENE SIXTIES unless the local water pipe of the Alberta Liquor Control Board becomes clogged.

Sammy the Soak informs us that the stuff they sell these days is so lacking in age that it ought to be labelled: "Immature Alcohol for Immature Drinkers."

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THE AGE OF SPEED

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We see by the papers that Calgary is still 121 horses away from being a one-horse town — at any rate 121 registered horses away. But any married man will tell you there are more nags than that in it.

LINES

(After Reading T. S. Elliot)

Let me think then,
Let me think,
While the evening, like the waste-pipe of the kitchen sink,
Hangs accommodating, open.

Let me think of all the undecided reasons;
The panoply of decency;
Of other dissimulations;
Taking French and Spanish lessons
With certificated, unmitigated dolts.

Assimilation is creation then?
Two urges?
Then to find time to find what others thought;
To find that which I have thought,
That which I think.

I shall turn to drink.
And when suitably intoxicated
Turn to creation.
I shall pour assimilation with the undigested drink.
Down the kitchen sink.
— John Thompson, Yorkshire, Eng.

HOWDY, STRANGER!

The following is culled from a Calgary newspaper: "At 10:15 a.m. Don-

ald Krissie, 14, 525 Eighth Avenue East, was standing at the front gate of his home. Along came a man who handed him a \$100 bill.

"Here is a \$100 bill," he said. "Go to the East Calgary Bank within 20 minutes and get it changed. Then give \$50 to your mother and keep \$50 for yourself." As the bill was genuine, in spite of the lateness of the season, no doubt, as Sydney May would unblushingly say, "Don regards it as a KRISSEMAS present."

NEWS AS OF TODAY

Press wires feed a splurge of blood and guts daily into hearts of homes;

The mad diary of a lunatic world.
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And flying in the breeze of every murder, rape and lust.

— Rip Porter.

And listen, folks, that guy Wally, the incurable bach., dropped in while I was grinding out this stuff for Musty, just to inform all and sundry that when a man tells a woman he's finished he's starting something.

WELL, HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT, FOLKS?

Earnings Up; \$5 Millions Goes to Policyholders

An increase in interest earnings on invested funds, during the year 1950, was reported by A. E. Pequegnat, General Manager of Mutual Life Assurance Company of Canada, at the recent annual meeting of the company in Waterloo, Ontario. During the year surplus distribution to policyholders exceeded \$5 millions.

Average interest rates on life insurance assets, it was pointed out, declined from 6.48 per cent in 1926 to a low of 3.8 per cent in 1948. Last year, Mutual Life interest earnings averaged 3.97 per cent. This was chiefly due, said Mr. Pequegnat, to increased diversification of investments.

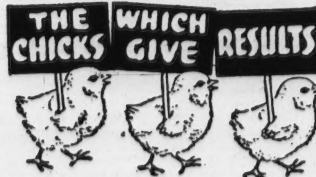
Canadian government bonds still represented 40 per cent of assets, and it was expected that greater diversification might increase the interest earnings still further. Mortgage investments, carried in all parts of Canada, represent over 20 per cent of assets; other investments include real estate (for commercial and industrial rentals) and stocks.

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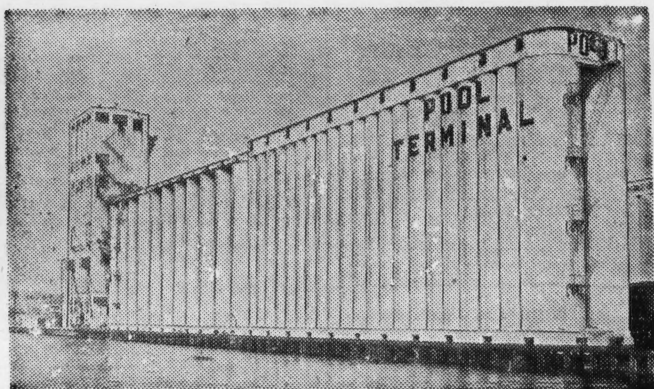
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